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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of claims 18-20 and 22. However, in order to expedite the issuance of objected claims 21 and 23-32, Applicants have amended claims 21 and 23. The claims have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and intervening claims. Applicants submit that no new matter is presented by these amendments and respectfully request entry of the same.


CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Amendment and Response, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,



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